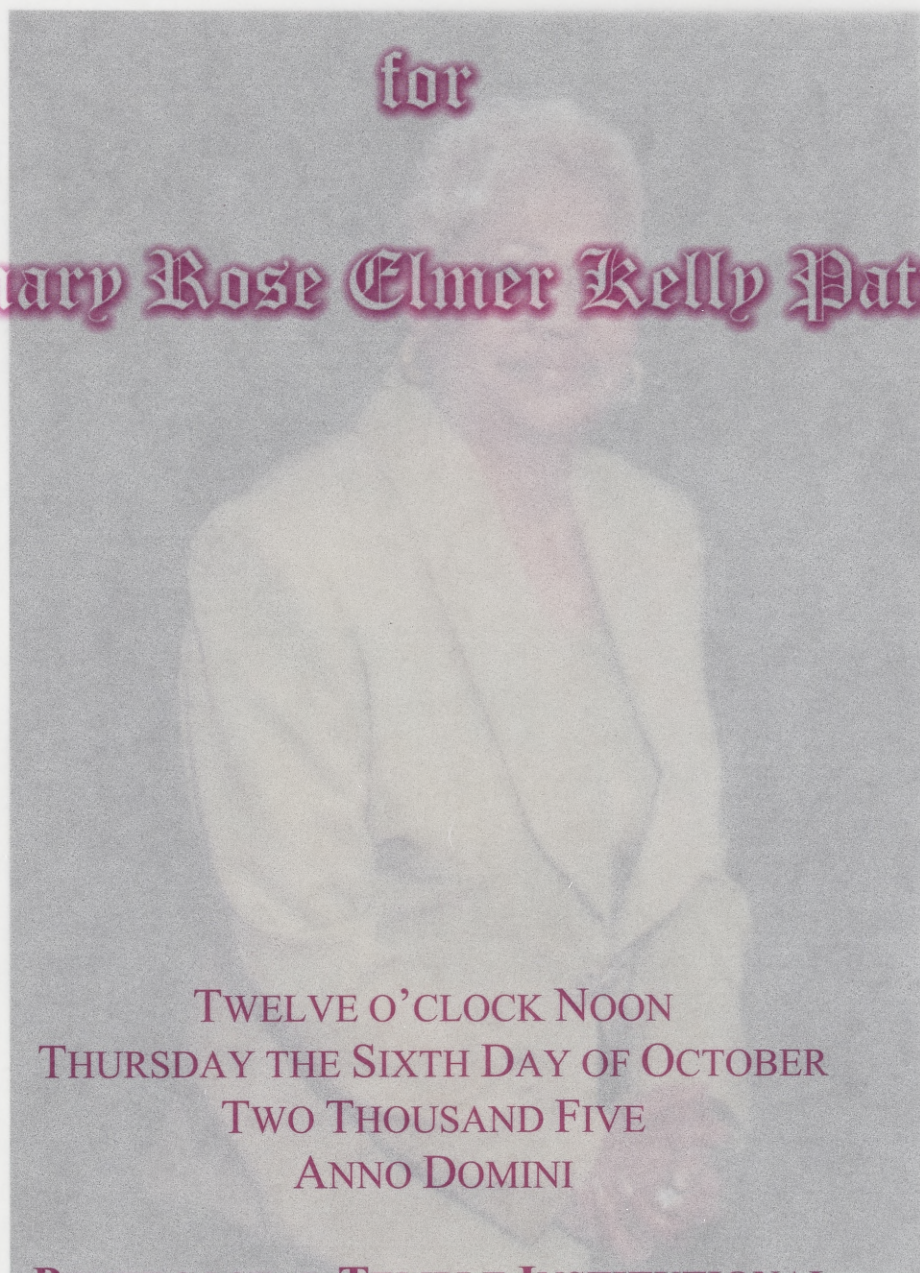




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*EACH LIFE, INDEED, HAS ITS OWN PURPOSE, PAINTS ITS OWN PICTURE,  
IS THE EDITOR OF ITS OWN STORY, AND LEAVES ITS OWN MEMORY.*


The treasured life of Rose Elmer Kelly Patterson began taking shape at a time so ordered by God on June 25, 1941 in Nashville, Tennessee. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Elmer Earl Kelly and the late Mrs. Rosamond McAfee Kelly.

Being their only child assured the Kelly's that Rose would always be at least two—their oldest child and their baby. Rose was taught the value of a Christian upbringing in the St. John African American Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee where she embraced and accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Characteristics soon developed within Rose that forced her into leadership. Not only was she expected by her parents to lead, teach and be their star; she was also expected to remain their beautiful, protected, little baby girl. Rose mastered both! Not only was she a great leader and teacher, she was also compassionate, easily moved to tears and a true “cry baby.” When time so demanded, Rose became the caregiver for both her parents.

After receiving a basic elementary education and graduating from Pearl High School in Nashville, she received a Bachelors Degree from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. After moving to Memphis in 1970, she later married James O. Patterson, Jr., on January 10, 1971. Rose united with Pentecostal Temple under the pastorate of her father-in-law, the late Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. Through her union with James O. Patterson, Jr., she was blessed to mother four children: James III, Aaron, Jennifer, and Charles. Her love for family was further demonstrated in 1992 when she opened her heart and home to two small boys named John and James Wheeler upon the passing of their mother and her sister-in-law, the late Janet Patterson Wheeler. She was devoted to her husband and family for whom she sacrificed to their benefit and gave them the love that only a wife and mother could offer. She also loved and cherished the members of her Big, Happy Pentecostal Family.








Rose's desire for academic training continued, and therefore she received a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction and a Master of Education in Personnel Administration and Supervision both from the University of Memphis. She was an educator in both the Nashville and Memphis public school systems for more than twenty years. Rose was a Life Member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a member of Links Incorporated. She also held memberships with the Parent Teacher Association of Memphis City Schools, Shelby County Democratic Women, the National Council of Black Women, the National Education Association, the Memphis Area Business and Professional Women, and many more.

In the realm of her religious achievements, Rose received a Master of Arts in Religion from the Memphis Theological Seminary, member of the Bishops' Wives Circle Church Of God In Christ, Past Director of Personnel for the Church Of God In Christ, Past President of the Ministers Wives Alliance for both Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church Of God In Christ and Headquarters Jurisdiction, and a Licensed Missionary in the Church Of God In Christ.

Mrs. Patterson was an active participant in the political career of her husband Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. who served as a member and Chairman of the Memphis City Council, State Senator and State Representative as well as the first African American to serve as Mayor of the City of Memphis.

Rose led a colorful life as a wife, mother, educator, and political activist. She fulfilled each of these roles with pride. And so after blossoming in the Garden of Life, on Friday, September 30, 2005 she answered the call of the Master Gardener: "Rose, the Master is come and calleth for thee." Rose Elmer Kelly Patterson has forsaken this earthly garden and now lives eternally in the garden of paradise. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr.; her children: Dr. J. O. Patterson, III (Cheryl), Aaron Lamont Patterson (Rahechelia), Jennifer Rose Patterson, and Charles H. M. Patterson, Sr. (Camille); her seven grandchildren: Christian Leon Patterson, Rachel Olivia Patterson, Charles H. M. Patterson, Jr., Troy Wilson, Terrell Wilson, Tevin Wilson, and Taylor Wilson; one nephew, John Wheeler; her dear friends: Jerrine Montague Simmons, Eloise Jean Frazier, Lynn Hawkins, and Virginia Dennis; her five Godchildren: Danese Cotton, Portia Ollie, Lashondra Cox, Meagan Phillips and Brandon Washington; and, her Big, Happy Pentecostal Family.





# The Order of Celebration

✠ *Where indicated please stand.*

Administrative Assistant Dickerson L. S. Wells, *Presiding*  
*Secretary, National Board of Trustees*

The Quiet Moments ..... Mr. Lonnie McKinley Haley, III

✠ The Processional

✠ The Hymn of Comfort ..... The Choir and Congregation  
*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

✠ The Invocation ..... Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush  
*Member, General Board*  
*Lafayette, Louisiana*

The Old Testament ..... *Proverbs 31:10-12; 27-31* ..... Bishop Samuel L. Lowe  
*Prelate, Tennessee Fifth Jurisdiction*  
*National Treasurer*

The New Testament ..... *I Corinthians 15:50-58* ..... Bishop Jerry L. Maynard  
*Prelate, Tennessee Fourth Jurisdiction*  
*Chief Operating Officer*

The Ministry of Music ..... Headquarters Jurisdictional Choir

The Tributes:

Neighbor ..... Apostle William H. Adkins  
*Pastor, Greater Imani Church and Christian Center*

Friends ..... Eloise J. Frazier  
Jerrine Montague Simmons

The Ministry of Music ..... Headquarters Jurisdictional Choir

The Tributes:

Pentecostal Temple Institutional ..... Evangelist Frances Kelley  
*National Prayer Leader*

The Bishops' Wives Circle ..... Mother Daisy Sherman  
*President, National Bishop Wives' Circle*  
*Charlotte, North Carolina*

The Jurisdictional Department of Women ..... Mother Geraldine E. Miller  
*Supervisor, Department of Women*



The Ministry of Music.....Headquarters Jurisdictional Choir

The Tributes:

The Ecumenical Community..... Bishop William H. Graves  
*Prelate, First Episcopal District C.M.E. Church*

The National Board of Trustees ..... Bishop Charles Mason Ford  
*Chairman*  
*Chicago, Illinois*

The National Church..... Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr.  
*General Secretary*

The Ministry of Music.....Headquarters Jurisdictional Choir

The Resolutions and Acknowledgements:

Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church ..... Sister Marjorie Staples

Headquarters Jurisdiction.....Dr. David Hall, Sr.  
*Administrative Assistant and Jurisdictional Secretary*

International Department of Women .....Mother Willie Mae Rivers  
*General Supervisor*  
*Represented by Supervisor Sarah Gaston*  
*Member Executive Committee*

The General Assembly .....Elder James Hunt  
*Vice Chairman*  
*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

The Reading of the Obituary .....*Silently* ..... Soft Music

The Ministry of Music..... Sister Portia Ollie  
*Goddaughter*

*From the Heart of a Son*..... Elder Charles H. M. Patterson, Sr.

The Eulogy .....Bishop Charles Edward Blake  
*First Assistant Presiding Bishop,*  
*Los Angeles, California*

† The Recessional













# The Hymn of Comfort

## I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW

I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day;  
I don't borrow from its sunshine, For its skies may turn gray.  
I don't worry o'er the future, For I know what Jesus said:  
And today I'll walk beside Him, For He knows what is ahead.

Every step is getting brighter, As the golden stairs I climb;  
Every burden's getting lighter, Every cloud is silver lined.  
There the sun is always shining, There no tear will dim the eye;  
At the ending of the rainbow, Where the mountains touch the sky.

I don't know about tomorrow, It may bring me poverty;  
But the one who feeds the sparrow, Is the one who stands by me.  
And the path that is my portion, May be through the flame or flood;  
But His presence goes before me, And I'm covered with His blood.

### *Chorus*

Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; But I know who holds  
tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand.





# The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.





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### THE HONORARY HONOR GUARDS

The Bishop Wives' Circle COGIC  
*Mother Daisy Sherman, National President*

The Faculty & Staff of  
Robert R. Church Elementary  
Mr. Commodore Primous, *Principal*

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



### THE ACTIVE HONOR GUARDS

The Pastors and Ministers' Wives Circle Headquarters Jurisdiction  
*Missionary Gladys Frye, President*



### THE HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Ms. Jennifer Rose Patterson, *Daughter*

Rachel Olivia Patterson, *Granddaughter*

Taylor Wilson, *Granddaughter*

The Department of Women  
*Headquarters Jurisdiction*  
*Mother Geraldine E. Miller, Supervisor*

The Students of KK-06  
*Robert R. Church Elementary*



### THE ACTIVE FLOWER BEARERS

The Licensed Missionaries  
*Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church*

The Women's Department Pentecostal District  
*Missionary Estella Ford, District Missionary*

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### THE HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Elder Charles H. M. Patterson, Sr., <i>Son</i>	Charles H. M. Patterson, II, <i>Grandson</i>
Dr. J. O. Patterson, III, <i>Son</i>	Troy Wilson, <i>Grandson</i>
Mr. Aaron Patterson, <i>Son</i>	Terrell Wilson, <i>Grandson</i>
John Frederick Wheeler, <i>Nephew</i>	Tevin Wilson, <i>Grandson</i>
Christian Leon Patterson, <i>Grandson</i>	



### THE ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

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Pastor Kendall Anderson <i>Good Shepherd District</i>	Pastor Joe Love <i>Tree of Life District</i>
Pastor Charles Moore <i>Greater Faith District</i>	Pastor Roman H. Q. Wells <i>The J. O. Patterson, Sr., Memorial District</i>



### THE INTERMENT

Memorial Park Cemetery East  
5668 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee



### THE ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

J. O. Patterson Mortuary, Inc.  
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Rose





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